



ELIZABETH FORWARD *School District*

High School
1000 Weigles Hill Road
Elizabeth, PA 15037

December 15, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Over the past several months of school there has been a dramatic increase in the number of students disciplined for vaping on school property. Vaping is the process of inhaling vapor through the mouth from a battery-operated device that heats up and vaporizes a liquid or solid chemical. Most of the e-liquids contain highly concentrated nicotine along with other chemicals that are harmful to teens. There are even devices that can be used to smoke marijuana. In an effort to keep our students safe, we are writing this letter to provide you some important information and to ask for your assistance.

Vaping is prohibited by school policy and carries penalties under our school code of conduct. Students caught vaping or possessing vaping paraphernalia will: serve a three (3) day out-of-school suspension, be issued a magisterial citation, and be subject to a 45 school-day extra-curricular privilege suspension. This privilege suspension includes attendance at all school-sponsored activities, dances, and athletic, club, and all extra-curricular activities. Any paraphernalia confiscated on school property will not be returned to the student or parent. Repeat offenders will be subject to progressive discipline. Additionally, students caught vaping marijuana will be disciplined under our strict Drug/Alcohol Policy. We hope that these consequences will prevent students from violating the code of conduct.

We don't want our students to risk their health and well-being or miss school due to suspension for vaping and are asking for your partnership. Please take a moment to speak to your child about this growing trend. We realize for some this may be a difficult conversation to broach and that everyone has their own opinion about this issue. As always, however, we appreciate your efforts in supporting school rules and policies to help maintain an orderly learning environment and keeping our students safe.

Please contact my office or the school nurse with any questions related to vaping or nicotine addiction. Our main office phone number is (412) 896-2349.

Respectfully,

Mr. Michael Routh
Principal
Elizabeth Forward High School